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For: SURGICAL ARM POSITIONING PAD

Art Unit: 3671

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is written in response to an Office Action dated August 24, 2004.

Specification - Abstract

The Abstract in the Specification was objected to because "... it refers to proported merits and speculative applications throughout." Correction was required. Applicant is unsure what part of the Abstract is objectionable since it is a non-argumentative description of what the Applicant's invention does without making derogatory references to prior art. Nevertheless, on a separate page following these comments, an amended Abstract is submitted in accordance with current practice where deleted materials are struck through and added materials are underlined.

Please amend the Specification by substituting on Page 18, lines 1-10 following the heading "ABSTRACT" the material as shown on the following page.